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Weekend Weather

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
72	71	72
40	39	40
0%	20%	10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH

36.1 Million

Estimated number of potential "trick-or-treaters" in 2005

Source: The Census Bureau

Airing GCSU's dirty laundry



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Freshmen Katie Ryan and Brittany Griffin observe one of the 367 shirts displayed in The Clothesline Project hosted by the women's Resource Center to raise awareness about domestic violence last Monday.

BY ERIN GISH
STAFF WRITER

The Women's Resource Center hosted The Clothesline Project from Oct. 29 to Nov. 2 to raise awareness about domestic violence and honor its victims and survivors.

Red, pink, yellow, black, brown, white, grey, purple, blue and green t-shirts clung to clotheslines tied from tree to tree across the lawn of Front Campus.

"We have 367 shirts in the collection that we've been building since 2003," Jennifer Graham Stephens, the women's resource center coordinator, said. Every

year new shirts are added. The first year we started with some 40 shirts and now we have over 300."

The Clothesline Project is a national grassroots project that first started in Massachusetts in 1990 when a group of women realized that violence was a problem in their community.

"They wanted to stop it, raise awareness about it, and educate people about it. They wanted to do something people could contribute to," Stephens said. "The women realized that throughout time women have talked to each other and shared news

while they were hanging out their laundry and so the idea was born that they would decorate shirts and hang them on a clothesline to air society's dirty laundry."

The Clothesline Project was started on GCSU's campus in the spring of 2003 by Graham-Stephens, fellow student Jennifer Lindenberger, and Dr. Susan Cummings.

"Jennifer Lindenberger and I went up to Emory and borrowed some of their shirts for the initial display and we had about 40 shirts made on our campus that year," Stephens said. "We moved it to the

fall to coincide with Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We've done it every year since then."

The Clothesline Project was designed to raise awareness about all forms of gender based violence including rape, domestic violence, emotional abuse, sexual assault, child molestation, incest and more.

Each color represents a different form of gender based violence. White honors the memory of women and children who died as a result of intimate

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Drugs busts high in city

BY DEVIN VERNICK
SENIOR REPORTER

This Saturday, hundreds of parents will flock to Milledgeville to visit their sons, daughters, and experience a taste of the quaint community that makes up GCSU. Some GCSU students are divided as to how quiet and quaint this campus is.

Two Thursdays ago, Public Safety received a call from Sodexo Dining Services reporting that an employee had stolen food. When officers apprehended the suspect, Dexter Harden, in the 300 block of West Franklin Street, further research resulted in finding a small quantity of marijuana and cocaine in his possession. The employee has since been dismissed from Sodexo.

"We're always making drug arrests, but they're usually for small possessions," GCSU detective Robert Butler said. "We haven't had anything major this year (on campus) except a

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A.N.G.E.L.S. attend Atlanta AIDS walk

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS
STAFF WRITER

According to the WebMD Web site, "HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome)." The affects of having this virus causes one's immune system to break down, which means it is unable to fight infections.

One misconception that people have regarding AIDS is usually that HIV and AIDS are one in the same; however, this is incorrect. A person can very well have HIV and not have AIDS. The

dilemma with HIV/AIDS is that there is no cure. The web site also states that at this time, there are only remedies that can help "people stay healthy and live longer."

Common ways to contract the disease is "sharing needles to take drugs and having unprotected sex with an infected person," according to the WebMD website. However, A.N.G.E.L.S. wants to insure that rape victims, and poorer people who do not have the funds to afford treatment are not forgotten about.

The A.N.G.E.L.S. program at GCSU has a mission "to provide educa-

tional and preventive AIDS program, which includes inviting speakers here on campus," Tameka Dean, who is the president of the program, said.

A.N.G.E.L.S., which stands for AIDS Now Grasping Every Living Soul, was established in 1999, "by students who were fighting to get free HIV/STD testing here on campus," said Dean.

Since 1999, this program has grown from just doing free test, to raising funds that help other outside organizations. The Foundation and the Diversity House are two

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Thirty-two volunteers from GCSU's A.N.G.E.L.S. traveled to Atlanta on Oct. 21 to support the war against AIDS.

A slice of life...



KATIE RAGAN / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Students and volunteers of all ages participated in the annual flag parade on International Day that represented over 25 countries. Read about International Week on **Page 4**.

Registrar adjusts rules for priority registration

BY MATT BAUM
STAFF WRITER

The implementation of a new policy for priority registration took affect last week. The University Senate adopted a motion last February to help clarify and more stringently enforce GCSU's policy on priority registration. Students with priority registration are allowed to register with the graduates and seniors on the first day of registration.

No longer are the days of the care-free release of priority registration benefits by GCSU. The new policy makes sure that only student organizations that "significantly benefit the university" can grant priority registration to members.

One of the key components to the new policy is the Registration Task Force.

"The policy itself gives the Registration Task Force the ability to overview applications for registration,"

said registrar Kay Anderson. The Task Force will be in charge of review applications and determining whether an organization warrants priority registration or not.

The idea for a new, stronger policy was devised after a study done by the Student Affairs Committee. The SAC was asked to review the "openness and fairness" of the present practice of priority registration. They found that there was a "practice" but no clear "procedure," and after further review, this led to the new policy.

"The first main difference in the new policy is that the old form was really more of a practice than a policy. Students could petition to get priority very easily," Anderson said. "Many student organizations were getting priority with little review or direction."

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partner abuse.

Yellow and beige represent partner violence. Grey represents emotional abuse. Red and pink symbolize sexual assault or rape. Blue and green represent child sexual abuse or incest. Purple represents women attacked because of sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation.

Black shirts symbolize women attacked because of a disability. Brown shirts represent women attacked based on their religious beliefs or perceived religious beliefs.

In 2006, GCSU Senior Chelsea Bruner decorated a grey t-shirt for the emotional abuse she has suffered throughout her life.

"It was my dad and as early as I can remember it was always there. It was really how I thought all fathers acted for a long time," Bruner said. "He would tell my sister she was a mistake. He would tell us we weren't any

good, how we'd never amount to anything."

"A lot of people don't believe emotional abuse is a type of violence, that it's not as valid as rape or physical violence, but it impacts such a large part of your life. I know I still haven't gotten over it and I don't think I ever will," Bruner continued.

Callie Boteler, a community health education major and volunteer for the project, discussed the abusive relationship her sister struggled to get out of.

"She had a very abusive boyfriend at a very early age. He was very controlling, always had to know what she was doing," said Boteler.

Boteler said the relationship started with emotional abuse but soon escalated to physical violence.

"She would come home with bruises on her back and she would try to hide them."

Boteler's family took out a restraining order against her sister's boyfriend and moved two times to get away from him.

Sociology instructor

Michael Ramirez observed the t-shirts on display and was moved by the project.

"It's pretty amazing to see all the images and all of the words here and to know that this really is going on. We hear about it all the time but it's distanced from reality."

Ramirez said the Clothesline Project makes the struggle against domestic abuse more realistic and helps people to understand this really is a problem.

"It would be fabulous if we didn't have to do these kinds of awareness projects, and we didn't have to educate people that yes partner violence happens, yes every nine seconds a woman is battered in the US, and yes 1 in 4 college women will be sexually assaulted during their undergraduate experience," Graham-Stephens said. "I would love to see the day when we don't have to do a Clothesline Project anymore because women aren't victimized because they're women."

RSO weekly remix

ACM plugged in and ready to go



Ford

BY ANDY KELLY
STAFF WRITER

Interested in finding other people with a passion for computers? The Association for Computing Machinery could be that organization. The ACM is a RSO that is well established at GCSU. Anyone interested with anything computer related is welcome to join, whether they are Mac, Windows or Linux affiliated.

Mary Ford, president of the ACM, is excited about the upcoming year and urges anyone to come and join the ACM.

"We are always looking for new members," Ford said. "The more the organization grows, the more fun it is for all of us."

The ACM was created because the Computer Science major here at GCSU was so small. While most of the ACM members are Computer Science majors, having that major is not a requirement to join the organization. The ACM is a large national organization and members of

the local chapter receive perks for joining from the national association.

"Members of the GCSU ACM can pay reduced national dues," said Ford. "They also get access to one of the largest program database servers."

The ACM is planning on making and selling their first t-shirt in this upcoming year. Along with the t-shirt, the ACM is also planning several events for the future.

"We like to just get together and go bowling," Ford said. "It's fun for everyone and we get everyone out talking."

One of ACM's interesting events this year was a LAN party held recently.

"A LAN party is when a bunch of people get together and play video games," said Ford. "Everyone brought their own computers and we saw what games we had available."

The ACM works

closely with the Association of Information Technology Professionals. Together with the AITP, ACM is

hoping to go to a programming competition in the future, or try and hold a competition here at GCSU. Another event tied with both organizations is a computer carwash.

"People can bring in their computers and for \$20, we will clean the computer itself and get rid of any spyware or viruses for them," Ford said. "For \$50, we will completely reformat the computer and reinstall all the files."

The computer carwash will be taking place sometime next semester. ACM is also planning on hosting two guest speakers to talk about game design.

Anyone can join the ACM through their Facebook group or by sending Ford an email requesting to join.

Drugs

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pound of marijuana."

Marijuana is the most common drug found by GCSU police, but reports of more serious drugs are not unheard of in Milledgeville.

T.J. Berglund, a GCSU senior who lives near where Harden was apprehended, said he feels drugs are common thing on campus.

"I wouldn't be too surprised to see it, I mean, drugs are everywhere," Berglund said.

GCSU seniors Chip Edwards and Eric Casper agree.

"I think (cocaine) use goes on more than people realize," Edwards said.

However, the results of the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, developed to measure drug usages, attitudes and perceptions among college students at two year and four-year institutions, when taken last year, indicates otherwise.

Of the sample of GCSU 516 students taken, 22.9 percent had used marijuana in the past year. In the past 30 days, 1.4 percent of students reported usage of cocaine and other more dangerous drugs.

"I don't think there's a ton of heavy users on campus," Edwards said. "There's definitely got to be more marijuana than

anything else (not including alcohol)."

Opinions aside, according to Rachel Sullivan, University Health Educator, there is a new drug trend slowly emerging at GCSU, Robo-tripping.

Also known as cough medicine abuse, "robo-tripping" is taking extremely large amounts of cough medicine to get high. Taking a large amount of dextromethorphan, often abbreviated as DXM (an active ingredient found in many cough medicines) causes the "high." This sort of abuse, whether it's called cough medicine abuse, or dextromethorphan, or DXM abuse — is dangerous.

AIDS

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of the organizations that get some of the money raised by the GCSU AIDS program.

One of the largest community service projects that they get involved in is the AIDS Walk in Atlanta, which was held on Oct. 21, 2007.

"It is our second year participating in the AIDS Walk," said Dean.

One of their future goals consists of organizing a walk here in Milledgeville.

The program had about 32 volunteers to represent GCSU at the AIDS Walk. "We advertised the event by word of mouth, student digest, information tables, through the GIVE center,

and facebook," Dean said.

Since carpooling was their form of transportation, SGA was willing to give donations to the volunteer drivers to offset the cost of transportation.

At the actual event in Atlanta, "I realized how many people are willing to stand up for a good cause," said Lashaundra Pierce, who is the vice president of A.N.G.E.L.S.

Before the walk actually starts, "all the people around you make you feel like you are apart of a cause that is going somewhere," said Pierce.

Aside from the many fundraisers that A.N.G.E.L.S. participates in, both Dean and Pierce were very passionate about the awareness of AIDS. Dean explained that often people become disconnect-

ed from the real affects of AIDS, because they feel it is not their problem.

Pierce supported her by saying that through A.N.G.E.L.S. she felt she could personally help in "decreasing the amount of bias about people with AIDS, and get more accurate knowledge out there."

"I know I can not change the world," said Dean, "but A.N.G.E.L.S. has at least given me a start."

A.N.G.E.L.S. believes that once the world realizes that AIDS affects all of us, we can truly begin the education that will help solve this epidemic. They are simply starting small by opening the eyes of GCSU students, which will in return open the eyes of the world.



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The Board of Regents approved a project to allow GCSU to go ahead and make the downtown theatre a black box theatre and retail book store.

Bringing back theatre

Downtown theatre project approved

BY ALI DUCKWORTH
STAFF REPORTER

Milledgeville's downtown Campus Theatre has recently been approved by the Board of Regents to be open as a "black box" performance theatre, as well as a retail bookstore.

The Campus Theatre Project is a part of a seven-project plan, which will be funded by the Georgia Higher Education Facility Authority.

The cost of the entire project is approximately \$8 million, and is expected to be funded through the issue of bonds. The bonds are expected to be issued by December 2007.

"They are revenue bonds, so they are paid back through revenues the projects will generate," Jackson said. "In our case, it will be that bookstore. We'll generate revenues that will be able to go back and be able to pay for the bond, or at least our portion of the bond. This is a self-paying program."

Opened in 1935 by Martin's Theatres, the downtown theatre served as Milledgeville's first run movie house. With the opening of Carmike Cinemas, located near the Milledgeville Mall, the downtown theatre was used mainly for showing casing second-run movies. The theatre closed in 1983 with

the final movie "Married to the Mob."

GCSU recently purchased the Campus Theatre from Mr. Randall Hattaway, a local accountant whose offices are located in the upstairs of the theatre building.

Main Street, an economic development organization, is currently located on the left side of the first floor of the theatre, while the far right side of the first floor is presently vacant.

Negotiations to reopen the theatre began several months ago, when a preliminary study was completed to see if the structure was sound. The study, done by the Christman Company, a consulting and engineering firm, from Lansing, Mich., proved to be successful, and restoration plans are currently underway.

GCSU plans to restore the front of the building to the original 1935 exterior style, though the interior is strictly for functional use.

"There's nothing pretty about it or decorative," Judy Bailey, public relations specialist of University Communications said. "It has wooden seats; just rows and rows of wood-carved seats."

"'Black box' theatre (is) basically just a box, and then you can configure it any way you want. If you

want to have a traditional stage at one end with seating- you can do that. If you want have a theatre in the round, you can do that," Bryan Jackson, director of University Communications said. "It really gives you a lot of flexibility to do whatever the presentation you want to have."

The retail bookstore will carry textbooks, as well as general interests books to attract all whom live in Milledgeville.

"It will serve both the college community and the community at large," Jackson said.

Jackson is glad the school decided to pursue the project.

"The building has sat there for a long, long time. I think it was just kind of one of those projects that somebody like the college need to step-up to the plate, and say, 'It makes sense for us. We need space for the theatre Department. They don't have enough performance and storage space,'" Jackson said.

Reconstruction is set to begin in January 2008, and hopes to be completed by spring semester 2009.

"There are not a lot of win-wins in life it seems, but this one seems to be kind of a win-win for everybody," Jackson said.

International day helps foreign students adjust

BY JINGRAN ZHAO
STAFF WRITER

There are 105 international students attending GCSU and the school helped them feel right at home with eleventh annual International Week on Oct. 22 to 26. The theme of this year's International Week is "The World Comes Together at Georgia College." It was sponsored by the International Education Center.

International Week is one of the most important events at GCSU. It is held every year in the fall semester.

As our President noted during the fall 2007 University Convocation, preparing our students to lead globally as well as locally is a component of the new University System strategic plan.

As a result GCSU puts a lot of effort on building the international education on campus, ranging from recruiting international faculty, international students, setting up Casa Mondo, the international residential learning community, and setting up study abroad programs.

However, according to freshman Daniel Moss,

one of the residents in the Casa Mondo learning community and member of the international club thinks not many American students at GCSU have realized this great opportunity our school has provided for us and try to take advantage of it.

Moss, the chair of the publicity of International Day, was surprised by the attendance at this year's international day held on Oct. 25.

"International day had a big turn out, much bigger than expected. The day provided me with some experience in leadership, and all the tables were nicely done. From what I saw, everything was very well put together."

On the International Day, international students displayed tables for their countries and there were international games on the Front Campus. Moreover, there were performances from all over the world.

"I like International Day. It gives me the chance to share my culture with others, and it also provides me the chance to learn many other cultures around the world as well," sophomore Maggie Irungu, an international student from Nairobi,

Kenya, said.

As for the significance of the date, International Day is a national observance.

"A highlight of the GCSU International Week, International Day celebrates and showcases the diversity we have represented on campus and provides an stimulus for discussion on global issues," associate director and International Student adviser of International Education Center Libby Davis said. "We hold this event during this time in October to coincide with United Nations Day, recognizing the founding of the United Nations."

On International Day, there were several hundreds of guests, including elementary students, middle school students and high school students from the Baldwin County community. Moreover, senior visitors from the community and several visitors from the Georgia Academy of the Blind stop by to enjoy the festivities.

International Week events do not only benefit GCSU but also the Milledgeville community, even the Baldwin County.

Registration

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Thus far the new policy has worked smoothly. Honor students, students with disabilities, athletes and ambassadors, SGA officers, Coverdell students, and student workers in Admissions and the Registrars Office all have priority registration under the new policy.

Only two organizations that did have priority last semester failed to regain it for this semester.

Another two, honors students and athletes, did not quite fit into the new policy. Anderson said it was important to note that no organization gets priority over the next, they all register at the same time.

"Honors students' priority registration (benefits)

were honored by a previous commitment and the current honors students were grandfathered in," said Anderson.

She added that if the honors students want priority registration for the fall they will need to re-apply along with all the other organizations.

The scholar-athletes were the only organization allowed priority registration through petition, which brought a sigh of relief from many athletes around campus.

"Priority in registration has been extremely important for me," said Brittany Hinger, a softball player and a senior mass communications major. "We (scholar-athletes) don't want to be here for eight years and we have a schedule to play for the school and we have to have a schedule to go to

school."

Luckily for other student athletes like Brittany, they need not worry. Upon reviewing other schools around Georgia's priority registration policies, athletes were consistently on or near the top of the lists.

"We have practice nearly all fall and spring, so getting classes at convenient times is really important," Hinger added.

The number one object that the policy is trying to change is the fairness of the registration system. The new changes aren't very drastic, as just over 400 students will be granted priority under the new policy, many of whom already had it anyway.

But the policy makes sure that all organizations get a fair and equal chance to have their opinion heard on whether or not they deserve priority.

Falling for GCSU...

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PHOTOGRAPHER

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Chemistry week creates positive charged bonds

BY CLAIRE KERSEY
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU Chemistry Club celebrated National Chemistry Week Oct. 21-27. A variety of events took place on and off campus to expose chemistry to the community. This year's theme was "The Many Faces of Chemistry," which highlights the diversity of people involved in chemistry, and the wide range of career opportunities in chemistry.

National Chemistry has been observed for 20 years this year. It has always included the day of Oct. 23, in honor of Mole Day, which honors the scientist Amedeo Avogadro and the number he is famous for, 6.02 x 10²³.

The week kicked off early this year with GCSU's own many faces of chemistry. Over 100 people showed up at Centennial Center to have their faces painted with a chemical symbol. The end result was a human periodic table.

The hope for this venture is to gain national recognition. The GCSU chemistry department is no stranger to recognition, however. They have won several awards in the past from the American Chemical Society.

One goal of the week is community outreach. Chemistry Club members have been to local schools and schools in neighboring counties, demonstrating chemistry concepts to the students. These serve to show children that chemistry can be fun rather than boring. Children were not the only ones to be

impressed by the show; students went to nursing homes to entertain the elderly as well.

Mole Day was observed by a trip to Oak Hill Middle School, where Dr. Pohl and some Chemistry Club members demonstrated various chemical reactions in honor of the middle school's science night.

On Oct. 24, Front Campus was host to "Chemistry on the Lawn." Despite the rain and cool temperatures, the show went on.

"The rain may have hindered the turnout, but it didn't hinder the fun," junior chemistry major Tiffany Shoham said.

Students could shoot a potato gun, watch chemistry students carve pumpkins "chemistry style" and watch some chemical reactions.

Students from GCSU's Early College were also involved with the Front Campus event. They showed visitors how to make slime and what happens when vinegar and baking soda mix.

Another draw for those brave enough to weather the rain was the chance to pie a chemistry professor in the face. One of these lucky professors was Dr. Chavonda Mills.

"It was all in the name of chemistry," Mills said, despite her less than enjoyable experience.

Things were really looking up as everyone prepared for Family Fun Night. On Oct. 25, the third floor of Herty Hall had a new look and sound. The voices of small children

echoed throughout, and the roar of a hovercraft pierced the air. One classroom was transformed into a spooky Halloween maze, another hosted a magic show, and others had hands-on experiments.

"Family Fun Night was my favorite event; I helped build and design the maze," junior chemistry major Corey McTeer said.

Int he maze uests navigated their way through a dark classroom with only a glow stick for light. Volunteers were in the maze to scare those who were trying to exit.

Down the hall, cheers erupted from the magic show, where children were in awe as they saw liquids change colors before their eyes. Some of them had seen the show at their schools; others were seeing it for the first time.

Jay Owens, a senior chemistry major, enjoys the positive reactions from the people watching the magic show.

"Younger kids get more excited, they aren't as jaded," said Owens.

The closing event for National Chemistry Week was the mall show on Oct. 27 at the Milledgeville Mall. Tables of experiments attracted a crowd as students mixed vinegar and baking soda, used solutions of different pH levels to change colors and taught more children how to make slime.

Overall, the week achieved a positive result. Many children and adults were exposed to the excitement of chemistry.

North Georgia parched, drought creeps south

BY BROOKE WILLIAMS
SENIOR REPORTER

The population of Georgia in 2006 was 9,363,941 and is currently ranked in the top ten states in the country for the largest population growth according to the U.S. Census Bureau. As the population continues to increase so does the demand for resources that don't seem to multiply as fast as people. The focus on high gas prices has shifted in North Georgia and refocused on a scarce resource that is a little more essential, water, and Milledgeville is right down stream.

Governor Sonny Perdue declared a state of emergency for 85 counties in north Georgia on Oct. 20 as a result of the level four drought conditions. Baldwin County is currently classified as being in a level two drought but could eventually feel the effects from the north.

"It is North Georgia that is dealing with the drought right now," said Dr. Doug Oetter, associate professor of geography at GCSU. "But because we live downstream from that area it is a big deal for us. As Atlanta continues to grow they are going to take water out of the Oconee River, which is currently our source for water."

All Georgians, especially business owners, are taking mandatory actions to conserve. On Oct. 24, Purdue ordered public water utilities in North Georgia to cut their water

"I have really started to look at my water usage and noticed a lot of ways I could conserve more, like turning the water off when I brush my teeth"

- Jennifer Woods,
GCSU junior

usage by 10 percent and required to state agencies to cut usage and GCSU is following orders.

"We can cut 10 percent usage at the GCSU campus fairly easily," said Oetter. "By examining our largest uses, which include irrigation and residence halls. Voluntary conservation efforts and changes in our watering strategies should help us achieve this goal."

Even though there is no immediate threat of exceptional drought in Baldwin County students are beginning to take notice of conservation efforts around them.

"I serve at a fine-dining restaurant on Lake Oconee where we use to automatically take water to our

tables," said Britney Kirkland, a senior at GCSU. "Last week our manager told us we are no longer going to bring out water for everyone but only for those that request it as a way of conserving. I was somewhat shocked by this because it made the drought a little bit closer to home."

With water still flowing from faucets and water fountains and soggy waterlogged intramural fields students aren't losing too much sleep at night about North Georgia's severe drought problems. But their problems could eventually trickle down the disappearing stream as the director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Carol Couch, announced that North Georgia could run out of water completely in as early as three months. Some students are more aware of the problems the drought could cause and have started to take action.

"I have really started to look at my water usage and noticed a lot of ways I could conserve more, like turning the water off when I brush my teeth," said Jennifer Woods, a junior at GCSU. "I walked by Front Campus the other day and there was this huge water-dunking booth being broken down. They were emptying gallons and gallons of water onto the ground that is wasteful and can be changed. We are all just going to have to work a little harder if we want to maintain our way of life."

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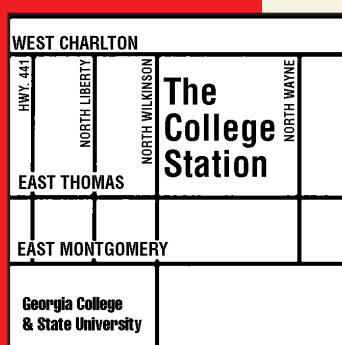
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Some capital insights

Some members of The Colonnade's staff traveled to Washington D.C. last week for a national journalism conference, so we would bring back ways to improve The Colonnade and make us a better publication for our readers. And we've brought back plenty of ideas, and if nothing else, inspiration and a renewed vigor for our jobs.

There was something else about Washington D.C. as well, something that we were discussing in a hurried discussion on our way to catch the Metro. We had just come from the Vietnam War Memorial, and before that we had been at the Lincoln Memorial, and before that we had seen the World War II Memorial, and before that we'd stood in the shadow of The Washington Monument, so we were soaking up what we had seen.

We all agreed on one thing: we certainly felt humbled standing in the presence of all these national landmarks. Standing before a 20 foot statue of Abraham Lincoln, reading the names of the thousands dead in Vietnam etched into polished marble, and looking at the wreaths and flowers still placed there daily by families of the fallen really helped to give us some perspective.

The truth is, we were forced (but that is a completely different story) to leave the Vietnam War Memorial. It was one of the hardest things we had ever had to do. As we read the individual names of the Americans who gave their life in Vietnam something struck us: the names were no different than those of our friends and family, these were regular, everyday people.

The World War II monument, while it does not include the names of the over 400,000 who gave their lives to the cause, struck the idea of America in us. With the listing of all the states and national territories it shows just how lucky we are to be Americans. We are lucky to live in a free country and be able to do the things we love to do (for example publishing this newspaper), that in many countries the citizens cannot do these things.

These monuments were erected as an honor to those who came before us, and they do so gracefully and respectfully. To stand inside Lincoln's monument and read the words of the greatest orator of his time was chilling and shocking to see how, while the issues may be different, his words still have meaning today. Those words led this country in its single greatest struggle and we were awe-struck by their power and wisdom.

Also on our walk back to the Metro Station we passed the White House, and were able to see for the first time in person where the Big Man lives, the man who more often than not we roast in our paper.

This too set us to thinking. Sure, we may disagree with the man, and with his policies, but how much do we know? Would we be able to hold a country together under circumstances like this? We realized standing in the face of the monuments how small we really are, and realizing how much power the man in the White House holds magnified him to a massive size.

Maybe, we thought, we (as individuals, not as a newspaper) should be a little nicer to the guy, who's going through a hellish presidency and may go down in the records as one of the least popular presidents ever, because we'd certainly crack under the pressure.

On a lighter note, what else did we learn? We learned that parking at the Atlanta Airport is rotten, flying standby isn't so bad after all, and that the Metro Rail in Washington doesn't run after midnight on weekdays. Practical, useful knowledge.

We made it a point to go to Washington to learn something. Now that we're back, we're pretty sure we have.

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The dangers of socialized medicine



BY CHRIS PITTS
COLUMNIST

I could go on and on about how socialized medicine is a bad idea not only in general, but in America as well. I could point out the low quality of healthcare in places like Cuba, which has extremely poor hospitals and services for their citizens; Canada, which has such an understaffed healthcare system that many Canadians come to America for childbirths and simple medical procedures they don't want to wait six months for; and Britain which now has citizens pulling their own teeth instead of going to government dentists. However, I won't, because I don't need to. Instead, I want to simply share the most negative impact of socialized medicine, how it limits our individuality and freedom.

The most appealing aspect of socialized medicine is the myth that it is free. People don't like to

spend their accumulated wealth, and who would? People are designed to constantly battle self-interest with the herd instinct, and since accumulation of wealth is self-interest, they don't wish to spend money. They also don't want to see those 40 million Americans suffer from disease because they don't have healthcare. But in actuality, there is a huge cost to socialized healthcare. First, taxes increase; taking away more of your paycheck, making the prices on goods and services rise (there are imbedded taxes in all goods and services), and Canadians will stop spending their hard-earned dough on quicker medical services here. But there are other, non-monetary costs as well: incentives to going into the health profession will cease, as salary for doctors and surgeons will typically stagnate, quality of healthcare will decrease as waiting times for doctors, ER services and other medical procedures will increase. All of this accumulates into what is quite a costly system of healthcare; however, it doesn't end there, this is only reactionary healthcare, or healthcare after one gets sick; the next step in socialized healthcare is ensuring a citizen stays healthy.

With the release of new statistical data, the United

Kingdom is the "fattest" country in the European Union. They also have socialized medicine. On Oct. 23, Professor Julian Le Grand, chairman of Health England offered a plan to help curb obesity in the UK. His plan consists of two main parts. First, the implementation of an "exercise hour" that all companies with 500 or more employees would be required to give their employees. That is right, the government would require that a company allow their employees to stop being productive so they can exercise. As a result, business revenue will decrease while expenditures increase (have to buy that exercise equipment!) thus resulting in layoffs. The next part of the plan is the implementation of a smoking permit which would cost roughly \$400 annually and would be required in order to purchase cigarettes and other tobacco products. With this plan, individual choice, in this case Government and the standards the Government wishes to set for its people again impede individual choice to smoke and freedom.

This is intentionally hindering of personal freedom of choice. If you do not believe me, former Prime Minister Tony Blair had this to say of Le Grand's plan, "It is not like banning

something, it's a softer form of paternalism." Paternalism for those of you who don't know is, "the system, principle, or practice of managing or governing individuals, businesses, nations, etc., in the manner of a father dealing benevolently and often intrusively with his children" and is how many liberal economic and social policies are implemented. Liberals see the typical American as a child who needs to be parented in most aspects of their life, which leads to limited freedom and individuality.

But this has always been the threat of socialized medicine. A universal healthcare system only helps an American's health after they acquire an illness. If this was implemented, the next logical steps would be socialized means of preventing health problems such as government gyms, mandatory bike ownership, limited productivity of business because of asinine ideas like an "exercise hour" and more idiotic paternalistic ideas. This is typical government and why I am a Libertarian, with each new program, with each new law that government implements, the less we are truly free.

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'Scientific' racism only a theory



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

About two weeks ago, Nobel laureate James Watson made a ridiculous statement. The scientific researcher that co-discovered the structure of DNA in 1994 claimed that Africans have lesser intelligence, naturally, than other types of people. Obviously the 79 year-old scientific researcher has gone senile and should probably pass along the test tubes to the next generation. On a scale of one to ten, with ten being a very stupid statement, James Watson's ranks somewhere around a fourteen.

Watson, of course, aptly apologized for his remarks and resigned his position as Chancellor of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York. While his appropriate actions in the aftermath of his racist gaffe are good, it still remains a shame that his remarks may give racist individuals what they can claim as "scientific" support.

Scientists everywhere, rightfully so, are now criticizing Dr. Watson for his insane claim. Science

classes may now even hesitate to mention James Watson for the shame he caused the subject. After all, most everyone would agree that racism should not be taught as scientifically correct, especially in educational institutions. Unfortunately, what most people don't realize is that racism is being taught in science classes all throughout public schools.

Of course racism isn't outright taught. But racism is accepted as general scientific truth by educators and scientists alike. Before I confuse you anymore, let me give you the history. Carolus Linnaeus created the taxonomy system in the 18th century. As we were taught in elementary, middle and high school, Linnaeus used binomial nomenclature to name the different kinds of animals, and their species. He even went a step further and noted general characteristics about each animal.

Linnaeus classified humans as Homo sapiens, but also went a step farther. Noticing the difference in color, he made generalizations (called stereotypes today) about different types of people. He classified the Native Americans as reddish, stubborn and easily angered. He considered Africans to be black, relaxed and negligent. Africans, to Linnaeus, were sallow, avaricious, and easily distracted. Lastly, he classified Europeans as white, gentle and inventive. In essence, Linnaeus uses taxonomy to equate a slew of negative attributes

to non-white people, and when he describes white people he uses synonyms for nice and smart.

If any scientist in the world were to say or publish those remarks they would be criticized and probably fired from their job. You can bet their ideas would never be taught in a science classroom. Except that Carolus Linnaeus is taught in science classrooms. In fact, he's thought of pretty highly in the scientific community. This started a school of thought called "scientific racism" and was often used to justify injustices like slavery and more recently Nazism.

I wish that I could tell you that Linnaeus was the only racist scientist that our schools teach. Unfortunately he's not. Charles Darwin made numerous racist points in his evolutionary masterpiece On the Origin of the Species. In chapter seven, Darwin says, "at some future period ... the civilized races of man will almost certainly exterminate the savage races of the world. The anthropomorphic apes will no doubt be exterminated. The break between man and his nearest allies will then be wider, for it will intervene between man in a more civilized state, as we may hope, even than the Caucasian, and some ape as low as a baboon, instead of as now between the Negro or Australian and the gorilla."

Darwin makes it apparent that he views African-descended people and

Australian aborigines as anthropomorphic creatures, which makes them an evolutionary link between the apes and what he calls the "civilized" white man.

Leading scientists have even argued that Darwinism is responsible for many injustices and atrocities that have occurred in just the past several decades. Dr. Richard Weikart of the Discovery Institute noted in 2004, "Darwinism played a key role not only in the rise of eugenics, but also in euthanasia, infanticide, abortion, and racial extermination, all ultimately embraced by the Nazis." He's not the only one that feels this way. In 2001 African American State Representative Sharon Broome of Louisiana sponsored a resolution to condemn Darwinism as racist and for the role it played in Nazism.

Considering how politically correct our nation has become, especially in public schools, it is a wonder that racist scientific thought is still widely taught. It is also a wonder why there is such uproar when a Cobb County school board decides to put a sticker on a science textbook which proclaims that the theory of evolution is just a theory. Fortunately, Darwin's backwards thinking "scientific" racism is only a theory. And that is how it should stay.

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Continue to be educated

BY JESSICA MURPHY
SENIOR REPORTER

Whether you are interested in cake decorating, stress management or ballroom dancing, GCSU's Department of Continuing Education offers a little bit of something for everyone.

"We serve approximately 14,000 students per year," said Artis Williamson, director of continuing education. "We offer more than 800 'in class' type courses each year and we also offer more than 250 online courses."

The program not only serves GCSU students but also the Milledgeville community.

"A lot of our students are residents of the community," Williamson said. "We would like to see an increase in GCSU students getting involved in the programs."

One of the most popular courses for students is the aerobics program.

"The continuing education aerobics program serves around 350-400 GCSU students per month," Williamson said. "It's free and faculty and staff can also participate free of charge."

Leonor Lobon, temporary lecturer of Spanish, participates in the yoga and Zumba classes.

"These courses offer me the possibility of doing activities that are not offered anywhere else in town. They also offer me additional ways of staying healthy," Lobon said. "I had always wanted to take yoga and I had never had the opportunity before. I heard about Zumba through my friends and I knew it

would be something I could do since it involved dancing and Latin rhythms. It is the best class I've ever taken."

Many would think that with 5,000 catalogs floating around campus and the Milledgeville community more students would get involved, but the catalog is really the department's only way of advertisement.

"The catalogs are placed around campus and throughout the community and that is really how we get the word out to everyone," Williamson said.

Briana Downs, a freshman undeclared major, had no idea about the continuing education program.

"To be honest, I never knew it even existed. I remember getting the catalog in my freshman packet but I never actually looked through it," Downs said. "Flipping back through it now, I see a lot of courses that I am interested in."

One course that Downs thinks would be great, not only for herself but also for other college students, is the basic culinary skills course.

"I think there are a lot of college kids who have no idea how to cook and this course could really be helpful," Downs said. "And it's only \$149 for six sessions which isn't that bad. I know a lot of my friends would be interested."

All of the courses that the department offers are open to anyone and everyone with a desire to learn.

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BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

The GCSU Concert Band presents a concert each semester on campus and travels on a spring tour annually.

Band delights in the beat

BY CHELSA THOMAS
STAFF REPORTER

The clang of a cymbals, the beating of a drum, the note of a trumpet, and the melodious sound of the flutes harmonizing was the first thing you heard when walking in the doors of the Russell Auditorium Thursday, Oct. 13, 2007.

The GCSU Concert Band performance featured the works of famous composers such as Alfred Reed, Clifton Williams, and P.I. Tchaikovsky.

Many students, local residents and parents were present for the concert.

From the first sound to the last triumphant climactic note, the performance was a masterpiece of composition and a skilled show by talented students.

Dr. Todd Shiver, the conductor of the GCSU Concert and Jazz Band, began the band off with Alfred Reed's "A Festival Prelude." This piece had a modern feel that incorporated the woodwind section often and separated the brass into three groupings.

"A Festival Prelude" began the night with two fanfare-like figures, which were notably exceptional.

A real delight, "Symphony No. 6" by P.I. Tchaikovsky infuses natural emotional articulation. This is a historical song that reflects much of the composers own life, at parts exuberantly loud, and near the end it is quieter and more reflective.

Overall, it is a celebration of life and the composer's triumphs.

"This show was really challenging. I liked it though, because it was a different flavor than the rest. I enjoyed the whole concert," Erin Gilstrap, a GCSU sophomore Flute instrumentalist, said.

Cory Tanner, a senior Music Education major, was an impressive euphonium soloist to the Irish Traditional called "All Those Endearing Young Charms."

Playing an instrument not to be considered his "specialty," he amazed the audience. He received a standing ovation for his incredible performance.

"Cory had a hard solo, and he did well. We have got a lot of talented students at GCSU- and that's a blessing," Shiver said. The Concert Band's

most anticipated song was the "El Camino Real: A Latin Fantasy" by Alfred Reed.

Based on the Spanish flamenco guitarists who are known globally for their passionate style of playing, "El Camino Real" was a captivating song.

The music was established around two forms of dance: the Jota and the Fandango. It was a lively song with the portrayal of an authentic Spanish resonance.

"I felt the show was a good mix. My favorite was 'El Camino Real'; it was a fun piece to play," Chris McKenzie, a freshman Trumpet player, said.

Shiver said, "Alfred

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BOBBY GENTRY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior Tavais Bennett performed "Sympathy" in front of a crowd of students on Oct. 25.

Drama, poetry combine for accounts of violence

BY MARY ZEHNER
STAFF WRITER

Dusk. The sound of smooth jazz coming from a saxophone fills the stillness on front campus. Students gathered together in front of Atkinson Hall last Thursday night, Oct. 25, in sweet anticipation of "The Street Corner," a poetical performed by Art as an Agent for Change (AAC).

There above the crowd, on the porch of Atkinson

Hall, appeared senior Daniel Siebel, his shiny saxophone glimmering in the light of the lamppost.

"We're here to see the famous Daniel Siebel," said Samantha Brown, GCSU freshman and audience member.

Apart from seeing friends, some students have come to "The Street Corner" to liven up a boring evening.

"It was something interesting to do," sophomore Kalen Puckett said.

Suddenly, the music stops and a woman, performer Tameka Dean, appears at the top of the stairs.

She begins the story of the street corner.

Soon appears Paul Grigsby, another performer and founder of the AAC. He also begins his story, intertwined with Dean's.

"The street corner. A right angle that's wrong for

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Big Brothers Big Sisters more involved with city

BY AMANDA BODDY
STAFF WRITER

The rising numbers of GCSU students volunteering with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program prove that the people at our school care about making a difference.

"We have made about 40 matches so far," said Zach Johnson, the Oconee area manager of the program and a GCSU alum.

Johnson, who works in The G.I.V.E. Center, has been working with Big Brothers Big Sisters to start fundraisers and recruit volunteers for about a month.

Many students, such as freshmen Emily Hensley and Owen Leslie, have already been partnered with Little Siblings.

"I was inspired by the people who were in the program when I was in elementary school; I have always wanted to be a part of it," Hensley said of her motivation to become a Big Sister.

Hensley, who is a Big Sister to Tiara, an 8-year-old at Creekside Elementary School, got involved at The G.I.V.E. Center after hearing about the program at the Bobcat

Marketplace earlier this semester.

"Tiara and I have met twice, we usually just hangout and read," Hensley said.

According to Johnson, there have been a lot of girls requesting matches, but what the program is in need of is boys to volunteer.

"We are going to try to get involved more with fraternities as a way for the guys to gain service hours; we are also looking into making Big Brothers Big Sisters an RSO on campus," Johnson said of the program's plans to recruit members.

Leslie also encourages men on campus to be a part of the program.

"It is a lot of fun, and so many of these little boys need a good male influence," he said.

Leslie said that he and one of his friends signed up in The G.I.V.E. Center because they thought it would be a good thing to be a part of.

"I wanted to help kids with rough families and to be a positive male influence," Leslie said. "Also, I really like kids."

Leslie and his Little

Brother, Tay, an 11-year-old at Eagle Ridge Elementary, meet for about an hour a week and "watch football and hang out at his school."

"He always wants to show me some new video on YouTube," Leslie said.

Leslie also said that he enjoys being a part of Big Brothers Big Sisters because he likes giving back to the community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters has been around for over 100 years and has been a volunteer program at GCSU for about 30 years.

"Since Big Brothers Big Sisters has been at GCSU, there has been a lot of recruiting and changing," Johnson said. "The program was started by a judge in the early 1900's that saw too many juveniles in his court that really just needed some influence."

Johnson also described Big Brothers Big Sisters as "a way of solving the political issue of the decline of the American family."

Johnson feels that children can be mentored and influenced at an early age, and then they won't have to deal with problems later on, and they can change the pattern of their families.



DRAKE SIMONS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Women's Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Flory, mix music and art as they presented "Choral Impressions."

Singing everything but the blues

BY KATIE HUSTON



SENIOR REPORTER

A REVIEW

This past Saturday night, Oct. 27, began with the typical hustle and bustle of activity preceding any major recital.

Performers could be seen rushing around fixing the bows on each other's dresses until they were just right.

Families and friends strategically placed themselves in the perfect spot so that the zoom on their cameras captured the upcoming memories flawlessly.

All of this was leading up to 7:30 p.m. on the dot when the ladies-in-black of the GCSU Women's Ensemble filed into place, ready, along with the Max Noah Singers, to give the audience a night to remember.

The Department of Music and Theater's presentation of Choral Impressions opened to a moderately packed audience of mostly parents and community at the First Baptist Church on Liberty Street. There was a very low student turnout at the recital during which both the Women's Ensemble and Max Noah Singers performed.

Students might want to reconsider their notion of staying at home when these two groups hit the stage because the singers definitely know how to put on a show.

Unique with this performance was the addition of screen projections located on either side of the performers that were generously provided by the

Art Department.

They had the right idea but the projections were poorly executed. They seemed to have very loose connections with the music and the flow was off. They added very little to the performance except for an added mystery element, possibly being: what's the point?

Naturally, some audience members appreciated the projections. Tarah Gibbs, a junior in the University Chorus Class enjoyed the addition.

"I like the visual aids," she said. "Makes the music seem more mystic."

The real reason audience members were entertained was because of the beautiful harmonies the night had to offer.

Some moments in the show were so light and pleasant that a faint smile would emerge across one's face.

Other moments offered solemn tones so chilling a shudder could creep up and shake the bones.

As far as instrumental

styling for the evening, some numbers were accompanied with the sounds of violins, harp, keyboard, organ or piano.

When the Max Noah Singers hit the stage following the Women's Ensemble, the addition of a few male voices really made an impact. Each note, with its striking projection, hinted at the air of perfection the performers have.

A few songs during the evening showcased soloists. Each soloist took their chance to blow away the audience and succeeded with perfectly adept precision.

Booming voices combined with excellent conducting and the addition of a few instruments made Choral Impressions a complete success.

Those in attendance surely left the show excited about the upcoming December shows from The Department of Music and Theatre. Their performance schedule can be seen at choral.gcsu.edu.

What's with the water in this town?



BY S. ASHLEE MOONEYHAN
STAFF WRITER

EDITORIAL

It seems to be the fashionable debate these days to wonder at the quality of Milledgeville's water. Bottled water is becoming a staple in the homes of GCSU students, and tap water is beginning to get a bad name.

Stories about friends of friends claiming to have suffered kidney stones and other similar ailments seem to be common among students. The typical suspect is usually Milledgeville's tap water, so I set out to see what's up with the water in this town.

My investigation started at the courthouse downtown where the City of Milledgeville's water and sewage office is housed. I was given a copy of the annual water quality report that was sent to local water customers by the City of Milledgeville in the spring of 2007.

The report informed customers that proper records were not kept following the monitoring requirements for residual disinfectant and turbidity.

The report included information on how to understand the details of what went wrong with record-keeping standards from January 2003 to August 2006. According to the report, residual disinfectant is an amount of a specific disinfectant that is added to the water to control microbiological containment's. Turbidity is simply the "measure of the cloudiness of the water." If water has high turbidity it is very likely that it has high levels of disinfectant and possibly high levels of calcium, magnesium, or other minerals.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that "there is no such thing as naturally pure water." Contaminant's that are often found in water before it is treated to become safe for humans include microbiological things like viruses and bacteria, inorganic materials such as salts and metals, naturally occurring or human-caused radioactive material, and organic chemical contaminations consistent with those found at gas stations. Minerals are considered Contaminant's too, but are often desirable in small amounts due to how they may enhance the flavor or other properties of

water. Contaminant's, such as minerals, become a problem, only when they are present at high levels. Contaminant's like viruses and radioactive material, however, are obviously problematic when present at all.

The annual water quality report put out by the City of Milledgeville outlines the results of all tests recently conducted for the quality of the tap water. It boldly states that there was no evidence of even an acute violation of standards implemented by the EPA.

"We are proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all State and Federal requirements. EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE," states the report.

Those test results are reportedly from 2006, so I decided to conduct a test of my own using HACH water quality field-testing kit commonly used by environmental science students and scientists. I tested for copper, phosphate, phosphorus, ammonia nitrogen, free chlorine, total chlorine and pH. Some of these Contaminant's, if present, could point to larger, more complex problems that could suggest explanations for people getting sick from drinking the tap water in Milledgeville. For example, if the pH is high, meaning it is extremely basic, it could suggest that the water has a high level of ammonia, which is poisonous.

Samples of water to be tested were taken from a water fountain in the Arts & Science building, the fountain in the center of campus, Adams residence hall, the kitchen faucet of my own apartment off campus, and just for curiosity's sake, the PUR filter water dispenser in my refrigerator. All the samples taken, including the one from the campus fountain, were found to be well below the minimum EPA standard, meaning all the water test samples are considered absolutely safe to drink.

The PUR filter water dispenser that I recently bought and keep in my refrigerator did remove trace amounts of copper, free chlorine and total chlorine. Copper is a naturally occurring metal deposit, and can be found in drinking water in trace amounts due to household plumbing pipes. Free chlorine and total chlorine are commonly used as disinfectant added to water to treat it for microbiological Contaminant's. It is good to know that the filter is useful for something other than storing cold water, although those Contaminant's in trace amounts are still considered safe to drink.



JESSICA MURPHY / SENIOR REPORTER

Health enthusiast, don't worry. Test reveal that the water in Milledgeville is safe to drink.

STAND rallies against genocide

BY JESSICA MURPHY
SENIOR REPORTER

Instead of watching TV and reading newspapers about the horrors of Darfur, some GCSU students are taking a stand and are doing what they can to help out with the situation.

A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition (STAND) is an organization that raises awareness about the ongoing conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan. The organization raises money for those who have been affected by the conflict and they also advocate political action.

According to savedarfur.org, the conflict began in 2003. Two rebel groups mounted a challenge against the government of Sudan. The government in response increased arms and support to local tribal and other militias. These militia groups have wiped out entire villages, destroyed food and water supplies, and systematically murdered, tortured, and raped hundreds of thousands of Darfurians.

Valerie Blum, a senior history major, started the GCSU chapter of STAND in the spring of last year.

"The chapter started last spring and we really accomplished a lot," Blum said. "We gave out save Darfur bracelets and also had a STAND Die-In on Front Campus to get people aware of the situation and it was really successful."

The chapter has grown since last

semester and is doing what they can to educate students about the Darfur situation.

Junior Dustin Binns has been a part of STAND since the beginning of this semester.

"I seriously thought that very few people knew about this kind of stuff. My band got involved with Invisible Children and that's how I learned about the Darfur situation," Binns said. "I didn't think anybody really cared and one day I got introduced to Valerie and the rest is really history."

The response to the group around campus has been a positive one.

"Professors love our cause. They do what they can to help out," Blum said. "They have even asked me to speak to their classes to help educate students."

Taylor Mills, a sophomore history major, has been a part of the organization since last spring when it began.

"The question to ask now is really why hasn't everyone else decided to join," Mills said. "There is so much going on in the world, it's more than just Darfur. People need to get active."

Leigh Griffith, a senior liberal studies major, is supportive of STAND.

"I really think that STAND has helped to bring attention to the violence in Darfur, that is the first step. As students, we should understand the perspectives of the victims, the Janjaweed, Africans and Arabs and the government of Sudan," Griffith

"Many don't think it's possible for students to make a difference, but STAND has shown me that students can take action and make changes; we are powerful,"

- Valerie Blum,
GCSU Senior

said. "These groups all have an important role in this issue and it is a complex problem with various angles. Once we know all the angles of the issue, we can generate some ideas on how to be active. STAND is in a great position to facilitate these discussions."

The organization is trying to educate more individuals and the chapter is hosting Rock for Darfur Nov. 15 to help spread the word about the situation.

"Kids in a college town enjoy music so what better way to raise awareness then have individuals come out, listen to music and get educated all at the same time," Binns said.

The event is free to the public and all the money donated is going to civilian protection and refugees.

The chapter's main goal is to educate students about the genocide situation.

"Events like this are about educating students because once you do that, then they can become active in helping the situation," Blum said.

The GCSU chapter of STAND meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. at Blackbird Coffee. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

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FILE PHOTO

Over 40 students participated in the Die-In STAND hosted last spring. The event is a form of protest in which students simulate being dead.

Horror flicks from the good ol' days reign supreme

BY ERIC JONES
REVIEWER

To be perfectly honest, I have no clue why we love to be scared by movies. Horror films don't offer the adrenaline rush that your gun-toting action movies, or have the brain percolating effects of your modern drama. They don't offer the nuzzles of a loved one like romances do, and they don't seek the intensity of your everyday thriller. In its purest form, horror does the very opposite of what we want any film to do to us: they make our hair stand on end and turn our bowels inside-out.

This is why the modern horror film finds itself diluted by more marketable genres like action ("Resident Evil," "Dawn of the Dead" 2004) and suspense ("The Grudge," "The Sixth Sense") rather than being injected into the veins of the unwitting public unfiltered. This makes complete sense to me because the majority of the public are not sadists. But then, of course, there are

people like me.

Where do we find the good stuff? Where do we find the undistilled terror that reaches into our throats through our eyes and twists our lungs so we can't breathe? What are the dark allies of the horror genre behind those films by directors that see horror as a sexual thing (I'm looking at you, Eli Roth) or a new way to be hip (Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez)? What films are actually scary?

Do you really want to know?

Stephen King calls true horror "rehearsals for our own death" so if you're going to start looking in the dark corners of the horror world there is no better place to start than George Romero's quadruple ode to death which include Night of the "Living Dead" (1968), "Dawn of the Dead" (1979), "Day of the Dead" (1985), and "Land of the Dead" (2005). You might also want to take a peak down the side ally with his "Night of the Living Dead" remake in

1990. Given that the dead returning to life is the oldest gothic device known to man (thanks a bunch, Gilgamesh), Romero deserves considerable props for reanimating the old chestnut. Even in his less distinguished efforts, "Day and Land," Romero explores the death of society as it relates to racial injustice, commercialism and politics. But most importantly, these are the goriest films ever made,

with so much flesh being ripped open and blood-wrenched cannibalism that only we puritans of horror can see through to its belied subtext. The rest of you, just cover your eyes and wait for the screaming to stop.

To seek less mutilating films in favor of focus on the mental anguish of death, look to Adrian Lynn's "Jacob's Ladder" (1990) about a man who sees terrible demons after facing the horrors of

Vietnam. Mary Lambert and Stephen King's "Pet Sematary" (1989) explores a New England burial ground that can bring your dead loved ones back to you. Wes Craven's "The Serpent and the Rainbow" (1988) is based on the true case of an anthropologist who discovers a Haitian medicine surrounded by voodoo. In these movies you'll find the ghosts of sisters with spinal meningitis, horned demons that rape lovers, and frightfully realistic depictions of people being buried alive.

There are films which explore the nature of evil as an independent entity. William Friedkin's vision of William Peter Blatty's "The Exorcist" (1973) is widely regarded as the greatest horror film of all time. Its depiction of the slow deterioration of a young girl who is possessed by the devil lends focus to the emotional anguish of the mother who must bare witness. Stanley Kubrick's "The Shining" (1980) is also unflinching in its portrayal of a loving

father who turns on his family as the demons of a haunted hotel drive him insane. John Carpenter's "The Thing" (1982) documents the destruction of a tight knit group of Antarctic scientists who are assimilated from the inside out by an alien presence.

Just as the hedge maze twists and turns for the young boy, Danny, in the final sequence of "The Shining", so does it for you if you decide to take these first steps into the macabre world of horror films. Many paths you'll find are dead ends with a range so broad. Be aware of the assimilated like "Hostel" (2005) and "House of 1000 Corpses" (2003). Do not get lost down Asian-Movie-Mania Lane ("The Grudge," "The Ring II"), and avoid any and all remakes if you can. But most of all, when you look up unexpectedly and you should happen to find the real-deal: try not to panic. Remember, these are only the most horrifying films of all time.

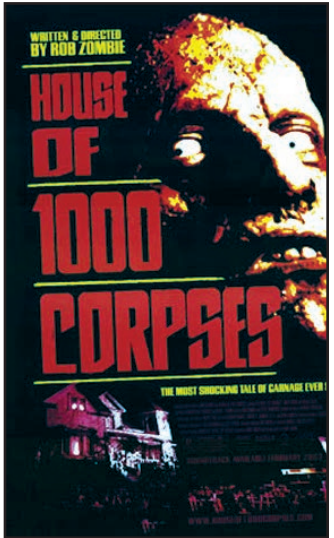


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Street Corner

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your life. The empty end of American dreams," says Grigsby as he walks about the stage. "Sorrow, injustice ... and violence. The street corner."

Violinist Kelly Millsaps appears from behind Dean, playing the familiar tune "Morning Mood," to signify the breaking of dawn.

"Daylight. Let the voices of this corner speak," Dean said.

The performance continues, addressing violence, suicide and taboo topics of today. A scene unfolds with two young men talking on the street in front of a sign that reads "No Sagging." The sign also displays a drawing of a man wearing his pants below his underwear line, a satirical jab at the current "No Sagging" legislation.

The rest of the performance was wonderful, exploring all different

types of violence and the influences that create it. Odina Ezeokoli performed a piece about the influence television violence has on children. Grisby and Dean recited off one another, expressing the anguish of violence from the perspective of a man and a woman. Tavius Bennet portrayed a politician trying to convince the young people to rebel against authority. The performance ended with night on the street corner.

As a leader in AAC, Grigsby said he was interested in doing a performance based on domestic violence but did not want to restrict the content of the poetry on one form of violence. Like other AAC performances, "The Street Corner" was written by those that acted it out.

"First we usually have writing sessions with poets," said Grigsby. "And at these writing sessions we watch movies and we just talk about the topic of

violence and we start to get ideas. And then when we have the poems, we write a script that kind of puts all the poems we've written into context."

For some of the performers, the material they performed was inspired from everyday tragedies.

"Reading the news can be kind of a downer," said Joey Hall, a performer and member of the AAC. "It's some pretty good inspiration. One of my pieces was about that."

Hall said that he also used personal experiences as inspiration for other pieces he performed that night. Tavius Bennet, another performer, said that he just tried to imagine violence after Grigsby had brought it up as a topic and that his imagination brought inspiration for his poems.

For more information about how to get involved with AAC and about upcoming performances, please visit www.myspace.com/aacshutdown.

Concert Band

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Reed has always been one of my favorite conductors and I intentionally sought pieces I have never done before."

Shiver conducted all new pieces except "The Ramparts" by Clifton Williams. The song refers to the Rampart Range in the Rocky Mountains near Colorado Spring, where the United States Air Force Academy was located. The song was written specifically for the academy.

Overall, the Concert

Band performance was another in a line of astounding success and musical celebration.

In association with the Concert Band, the Jazz Band has also performed as well.

"Just about everybody who is in Concert Band are in Jazz Band. Some of the students in both are my main players, we really couldn't do without them," Shiver said.

Coming up for the GCSU Bands is the Jazz Band Holiday Performance on Nov. 29 and 30. Best to get your tickets soon

because the show was sold out last year! Plus, on Dec. 1, for the first time, GCSU is performing at the Capital Theater in downtown Macon.

"I really enjoyed performing with this band. I came from a high school with a band of about 20 people. I enjoyed playing with a larger ensemble" McKenzie said.

Shiver was also very pleased with the show: "I feel our students excel here at GCSU. We have many talented students here. I don't ever want to take that for granted."

Education

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"The personal enrichment courses are really popular these days," Williamson said. "Cake decorating, defensive driving, painting and cooking are just some of the most popular personal enrichment courses."

The department offers courses throughout the year, so, depending of

your budget and mood, there is more than likely a class that will fit what you are looking for.

"There really is something for everyone," Downs said.

Now that Downs knows about the program, she's going to make it a goal to take at least one course next spring.

"I really think I could benefit from some of these courses and I think my

friends could too," Downs said.

Lobon is thankful for the department and looks forward to taking more courses.

"I like the fact that the people at the continuing education center take the time to offer a variety of options to our community from cooking lessons to clowning," Lobon said. "It really is a great way to learn and relax."

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Carty to replace departed Calciano

BY KYLE COLLINS
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU baseball transferred the reigns of power to former assistant coach Tom Carty on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Athletic Director Stan Aldridge promoted Carty to the interim position for the 2008 season after the departure of Chris Calciano.

Calciano will assume a

professional scouting position with the Boston Red Sox in the beginning of November.

The former head coach led the Bobcats to their first two Peach Belt Conference titles in 2006 and 2007. An impressive record of wins, All-Americans and professional players highlight Calciano's three years at GCSU.

"Calciano did a really good job with our program and we hate to see him leave," Aldridge said.

This year's success lies in the hands of an experienced former assistant. Carty served as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator for Division I Marshall University and director of baseball operations for North Carolina State

University before coming to GCSU.

The Pennsylvania resident also coached at Division II West Chester University before Calciano signed him as an assistant two years ago.

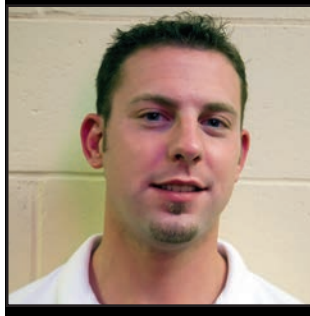
"I jumped on the opportunity leaving a Division I sit-



CARTY

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The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Carty is the right choice

With the resignation of GCSU baseball head coach Chris Calciano coming last week, the athletic department announced this week that assistant coach Tom Carty will take the reigns as the head coach for the upcoming season.

Calciano heads off to bigger and better things, taking a position as a scout with the World Champion Boston Red Sox.

With little time to search for a new coach, and having a perfectly qualified candidate already on staff, there was only one logical move for the athletic department to make - promote Carty.

In the past two seasons with Carty serving as Calciano's assistant, mostly as the pitching coach, the Bobcats have won consecutive Peach Belt Conference Championships. Two of Carty's pitchers, Michael Antonini and Andy Reichard, during the time frame were also awarded All-America honors. Both pitchers were drafted, as was former Bobcat pitcher Christian Castorri, who also fell under Carty's wing.

Carty's 2006 pitching staff compiled an incredible 2.82 ERA and amassed 437 strikeouts. In 2007 the staff recorded a 3.53 ERA with 408 strikeouts.

Carty has Division I coaching experience at North Carolina State University where he served as director of baseball operations and at Marshall University where he spent four years as pitching coach.

This experience will serve him well. He already knows the players and has a hand in recruiting them.

Athletic Director Dr. Stan Aldridge said the athletic department will have a national search to fill the vacancy for the 2009 season.

However, should Carty keep the Bobcats competing at the level they have been under Calciano, I see no reason why a new coach would be brought in.

Baseball season is a long way away, giving Carty plenty of time to implement his style.

The Bobcats are in good hands and should continue to be a national power in the 2008 season. Don't be surprised if Carty is named the permanent head coach when the season concludes.

Crossed up at home

Lacrosse club loses first home match

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

Students, parents and fans filled the metal bleachers on that lined the intramural fields on Sunday, Oct. 21 to witness the fast-paced, hard-hitting action that the game of lacrosse promises.

For GCSU, it was the first home game the campus had ever seen, as the Bobcat lacrosse club hosted the Owls of Kennesaw State University.

Unfortunately for those fans GCSU's team was mauled by an offensive onslaught by Owls.

"The turnout was awesome," Co-president Matt Miller said. "I am really pleased, and we appreciate the enthusiasm from the crowd, I just wish we could have given a little better performance."

The Bobcats appeared outgunned on the field and when the final seconds ticked off the clock the team found themselves defeated 16-4.

However the Bobcats played their best in the final minutes of the game when they managed to score two back-to-back goals with a minute left to play.

"We kind of stepped it up in the second half," Cory Adams, the club's vice president, said. "Especially at the end there."

KSU took control of the game from the very first face-off. The Owls showed their offensive prowess with a combination of speed, strength and stick skills to score six unanswered goals in the first fifteen-minute quarter. KSU attacker Scott Shulze tallied two goals and an assist in the period including the opening goal that he bounced into the upper-right corner of the goal at the 13:33 mark.

The Bobcats only had one real opportunity in the quarter.

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Junior forward Jeni Day attacks the ball Tuesday night as the Bobcats won their playoff opener against Clayton State.

AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Bobcats ready for round two

BY PRESTON SELLERS
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU soccer team is in the semifinals of the Peach Belt Conference tournament after its first playoff win in school history. The Bobcats had a fantastic regular season, and are continuing their great play in the postseason.

The team closed the season winning seven of its last eight games, including seven in a row before a loss to No. 5 Columbus State University to end the season.

On Oct. 17, the Bobcats played their final road game of the season, and it was an exciting one. Clayton State University was the opponent, and the Bobcats got a goal in the final minutes from junior midfielder Beth Coughlin to win 5-4. GCSU had a 2-goal lead twice, only to see CSU tie the game at 2-2 and 4-4. Junior Hayley Ferrell scored her thirteenth goal on a penalty kick to open the scoring,

and sophomore Jamie Nevin added her sixth.

The Bobcats returned home for their final three games of the season, beginning with Newberry College on Oct. 20. The game was a hard-fought defensive battle, but GCSU prevailed 1-0 on yet another goal by Ferrell, midway through the second half, with an assist from Nevin, the team leader in that category. The win pushed the Bobcats' winning streak to six.

After the game, Coach Robert Parr talked about closing the season at home.

"We have spent a lot of time on the road, on unfamiliar fields, sleeping in hotels," he said. "We have played five games in ten days, and we have to get well physically and mentally."

The coach was also proud of the way his team battled



Junior forward Hayley Ferrell heads the ball Tuesday night in the Bobcats 2-0 win.

AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

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Teams place third, Samprone honored

BY DEVIN VERNICK
SENIOR REPORTER



DEVIN VERNICK / SENIOR REPORTER
Josh Hollar runs in the PBC championships last week.

Joe Samprone was all smiles after this past Saturday at the Peach Belt Conference Cross country championships. Samprone, head coach for GCSU men and women's Cross-country teams, was named PBC Coach of the Year for the men's division after cheering both squads to third place finishes, respectively.

"This is a shock," Samprone said. "Our team has tremendously improved in the Peach Belt over the past few years. The strides our program has made won this award."

Hosted by Augusta State

University, Saturday's event was predicted to be one of the closest championships ever in the PBC. But, for the second straight year, the Columbus State University men's and women's cross country teams captured the championships.

"Outright, we wanted to come out and beat Clayton (State University)," Richard Dobson, a senior runner, said.

GCSU also excelled individually. Both the men and women's squads had runners named to the PBC All-Conference team. Senior Richard

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GCSU Athlete of the Week



Mary Rob Plunkett

The freshman goalkeeper was awarded her first GCSU Athlete of the Week award for her impressive week in which she shut out North Georgia College & State University and recorded a career-high 11 saves against Columbus State in a 3-0 loss last week.



Name that Bobcat

Special to The Colonnade

The GCSU athletics department, in association with the Thundercats student spirit group, announce the "Name That Bobcat" contest.

Since the University's mascot change from the Colonials to the Bobcats in 1998, GCSU has not had a tangible figurehead that represents the University on a wide scale. After several months of hard work and preparation by the Thundercats and funding from GCSU's SABC, the Bobcats now have that figurehead in the form of a Bobcat Mascot costume.

The Bobcat mascot, which will be present at athletic events, university promotions and school sponsored functions, is tentatively set to make its roaring debut at the first home basketball game versus Carver Bible College on Nov. 26. However, the Bobcat mascot is currently nameless.

The "Name That Bobcat" contest challenges the GCSU community to create a unique and catchy name for the uni-

versity's mascot.

"I'm positive that with the help of the Bobcat fans throughout the community, the perfect name and representation of GCSU will be selected," said Jason Hendrix, Thundercats vice president and mascot chair. "The mascot will be one of the most important ambassadors of GCSU and that legacy will continue for years to come."

Suggestions and submissions to this contest can be sent via email to gcsu.sid@gcsu.edu, placed on the open forum on the social network Facebook in the "Name That Bobcat" group, and/or placed into the "Name That Bobcat" suggestion boxes appearing soon throughout the campus. Suggestions will be compiled until Nov. 10, when five selections will come up for vote by the University community to garner an official title for the nameless 'Cat.

For up-to-the-minute updates of the official naming of GCSU's Bobcat mascot, visit: http://web.mac.com/jason_hendrix/Thundercats.

Lacrosse

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Bobcat attacker James Vore took the ball across mid-field and dished to defender Tim Barnes whose shot attempt was handled by KSU goalie Weaver Bearden at 11:43.

KSU continued to expose the Bobcats' weaknesses in the second quarter scoring four more goals.

However, the Bobcats did manage to get on the board when midfielder Jeremy Abraham fired a shot passed Bearden to give the Bobcats their first goal scored at home and cutting the score to 8-1.

The Bobcats defense seemed to come to life in the third quarter, when the team managed to hold the Owls to three goals, while GCSU attacker David Wilson added one himself.

"I think we played okay in the second half," Adams said. "We were getting after it a little more, picking up more ground balls and passing well."

KSU slowed the game down in the fourth quarter using a style of play that resembled the "four-corners offense" that legendary University of North Carolina coach Dean Smith used in basketball.

Owl attacker Tyler Yelken added another KSU goal to make the

score 14-2 with about seven minutes left to play.

The goal appeared to offend the Bobcats as suddenly a series of viscous hits erupted, sparked when Barnes put an Owl defender on his back, and Adams found a KSU player of his own to lay out.

But it was too little, too late as each team added two more goals in the final minutes, and the Owls marched off the field victorious.

"We played horrible in the first half," Miller said. "But the second was much better, we just started out slow. Obviously, our inexperience showed and we know we have lots of things to work on, but we're getting better."



COREY DICKSTEIN / SPORTS EDITOR

A GCSU lacrosse player battles for the ball with two Kennesaw State University defenders at the Intramural fields on West Campus on Sunday, Oct. 21. The game marked the first home match for the lacrosse club. The Bobcats came up short, 16-4, to a much more experienced Owl club.

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Pi Kappa Phi hosts 3-on-3 tournament fundraiser

BY PRESTON SELLERS
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, Oct. 20, the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity hosted their second annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament for charity. It is important to note that this philanthropy work is unique in that it gets non-Greek students involved by having fun and indirectly helping a good cause.

The tournament was held on the top floor of the Centennial Center, and began at 12 p.m. Six teams of at least four players each took to the court in a double-elimination-style tournament. This turnout was down from the dozen or so teams which played last year, when the tournament was held in the evening.

Junior Daniel Hannah, Pi Kappa Phi's historian,

put the tournament together, and said that the start time probably did not affect the number of participants.

"I was happy with the turnout, and everyone had a good time," he said. "We had some pretty talented teams, though the showing last year was better."

The tournament was won by Team Marley, consisting of juniors David Owens and Ryan Burke, and seniors Shawn Hubbard and Dantrell Hunt. Marley defeated TKO Knockout in an intense final game 12-11.

The tournament had an entry fee of \$25 per team and the proceeds went to two charities supported by the fraternity.

PUSH America is the Pi Kappa Phi national philanthropy, created by the fraternity to raise awareness of the physically and men-

tally disabled. Santa's Miracle Fund helps families of disabled children during the holidays by providing gifts for the children which the families could not otherwise afford.

After handing trophies to the winning team, Hannah assessed the status of his project.

"Next year hopefully we'll be able to lower the entry fee, and have some more promotions," he said. "We could definitely use some more sponsors."

Obviously with more participants, more people in need will benefit from the tournament. Perhaps next year, with a few changes, the fraternity can raise even more funds for charity, and the tournament will be even more competitive.

Cross country

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Dobson, freshman Dani Destiche, and sophomores Josh Holler and Bonnie Ueltzen all took home top honors.

Regarding what makes a good cross-country runner, Dobson says "it's all about who can endure the most pain." Dobson is a two-time PBC All-Conference team member.

Athletes from each squad agreed that ASU's course was unforgiving.

Jennifer Keeton, another senior runner, gave it her all.

"The hardest part was persevering through the second mile," Keeton said. "It was such a battle competing such a long uphill."

"I felt great, and I did the best I could," Dobson said. "This course was incredibly challenging."

After the races, Keeton and Dobson, both coming to the close of their careers at GCSU, took time with fellow GCSU cross-country veterans for a moment of reflection.

"I'm not going to stop running---I'm already planning for a marathon in the near future," Michael Hague, a senior, said.

"It's bittersweet about this season of life coming to an end, but I'm excited about what's ahead for me," Keeton said. "I won't stop running and will not forget the skills I've learned (as an athlete)."

The men and women's teams will compete again Saturday, Nov. 3 in Huntsville, Ala., in the NCAA South Region Championship.

Carty

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uation that I liked," Carty said. "There is something about having the chance to win national championships and coaching talented players here in Georgia."

Under Carty's direction the pitching staff accumulated a record 2.82 ERA in 2006. Carty, also, coached three pitchers currently active in the majors.

In most situations a sudden head coaching change may stir up controversy and issues with team chemistry. So far Carty feels the team is behind him.

"Our players deserve a lot of credit for responding to what could have been an adverse situation to set us back," Carty said.

After over 12 years as an assistant coach, Carty finally gets to take up head coaching responsibility and decision making.

Carty said he is ready for the challenge after watching others for all these years.

"Coach Carty is handling things real well so far," Kyle Hammock, a redshirt freshman pitcher and outfielder, said. "He is open and flexible with the guys."

In the past few years most of the starting positions on both sides of the ball were all but locked up by upperclassmen.

This year's squad goes into the 2008 season with plenty of youth and open role assignments.

Carty said younger players have a chance to step up in competitive fall practices as the gaps between seniors and underclassmen tighten.

"There are jobs to be won because all of our roles are less defined now

Chris Calciano



Chris Calciano, former GCSU head baseball coach, took over the programs reigns in 2005 after spending four seasons as the head coach at Division II West Chester University in Pennsylvania.

In his three-year tenure the Bobcats compiled a 132-48 mark, including 53 wins in the 2006 season, the best season GCSU has had in the NCAA era. That year he led the team to the school's first ever Peach Belt Conference championship while being named PBC Coach of the Year and Georgia Dugout Club Coach of the Year.

In 2007 Calciano had the team ready to continue right where it left off, leading the team to its second consecutive PBC title.

Calciano has coached six All-Americans over the course of his career and nine of his players have signed professional baseball contracts.

He leaves the Bobcats this year to take on a roll as a scout in the Boston Red Sox organization where he will take command of scouting in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

than they were the last two years," Carty said.

The coaching transition gives the players a new look at practice. The intensity level is higher as the staff expects the guys to be more upbeat.

"There is no down time at practice now," Hammock said. "The tempo is upbeat because we are either jogging or in concentrated groups."

Repetitions are decreased allowing time to perfect mechanics which helps players learn this fall.

Starting pitching spots remain open during the fall off season. Beyond the bullpen nothing is locked up.

"My senior pitchers have to step up and they have

done a great job so far," Carty said. "It's comforting to have those guys who have been through tough battles in the past."

Aldridge is optimistic about the team contending for another Peach Belt title despite the personnel loss from last year.

The GCSU department of athletics plans to evaluate Carty in his first full year as a head coach. The official position will be filled by a national search at the end of the spring season.

The baseball schedule starts off strong on Feb. 1 as the Bobcats do battle in a doubleheader with the No. 1 ranked University of Tampa in Milledgeville.

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against a scrappy opponent.

"We were just out of rhythm tonight, they played us tough, but it was great to see us get a win without our best effort."

The Bobcats continued their amazing run through conference play when they defeated North Georgia College and State University 4-0 on Oct. 24. This was the last of several dominating performances by the Bobcats this season. NGCSU had few chances to score, and the Bobcats made the most of theirs, at least in the second half. Junior forward Jeni Day doubled her scoring on the season with her third and fourth goals to begin the second half. Sophomore midfielder Erika Kolodin scored her first goal of the season to push the lead to 3-0, and Ferrell added her sixteenth to close the scoring.

The final game of the regular season matched the red-hot Bobcats against the highly-ranked Cougars of Columbus State University. The Bobcats fought hard, but the Cougars ultimately showed why they went undefeated in the PBC this season, winning 3-0.

"We knew we were locked in to our playoff spot, so we couldn't play ourselves up or down," Parr said. "So we just wanted to go out and see if we could match up with them, and they showed why they are a great team."

The Bobcats were

indeed "locked in" to fourth position in the PBC, after going 5-3 in conference play, which set the team up with the first home playoff game in school history. However, there was little time for celebrating with a tough road ahead in the playoffs.

"We certainly got a tough draw, with Clayton and (likely) Columbus again," said Parr.

In the eight-team playoff, the fourth seed Bobcats were matched against the fifth seed Clayton State team. After the high-scoring affair just two weeks earlier, the Bobcats knew they faced a tough test from a team with revenge on their minds. The Bobcats passed the test with flying colors. Sophomore midfielder Daria Owen blasted a perfect shot after a penalty from 20 yards out, giving

the CSU keeper no chance to stop it. Freshman midfielder Kayla Emerson added her second goal of the season, and the Bobcats held the dangerous CSU offense in check all game with their speedy, solid defense. The 2-0 win sets up a rematch with Columbus State on Friday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. in Columbus, Ga.

Parr talked about the opportunity to avenge last week's loss.

"We will definitely make some adjustments," he said. "We have a few lineups we can use that may work better this time."

If these adjustments work, and if the Bobcats can upset the Cougars this time around, the conference final awaits. If not, it has still been an amazing season for the team, and the future is bright for GCSU soccer.



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Freshman forward Kelli McLane fires a corner kick in Tuesday's home playoff game against Clayton State. The Bobcats are on the road Friday night at 7 p.m. when they will face Columbus State in the second round of the playoffs.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, November 2 -
Thursday, November 8, 2007

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7 p.m. "Home is Where the Heart Is"
Magnolia Ballroom
7 p.m. First Friday Foreign Film: "Chunhyang" (S.Korea)

Saturday, November 3

All Day Invent Sweetwater Festival
Downtown Milledgeville
10 a.m. 2007 Freshman Parents Day
The Village
1:30 p.m.- 1 p.m. Parents Day Family Workshops
A&S Auditorium
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Parents Day Local Tours
3 p.m.- 5 p.m. Front Campus
3:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. Parents Day Ice Cream Social
MSU Courtyard, Front Campus

Sunday, November 4

Monday, November 5

4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Fall Seminar Series:
"Algae as Ecological Indicators in Streams"
250 Herty Hall

Tuesday, November 6

Wednesday, November 7

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. 16th Annual Career Opportunities Fair
Cobb Galleria
7:30 p.m. Guest Artist Recital: Marian Anderson String Quartet
Max Noah Hall

Thursday, November 8

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Mansion Lecture Series:
The War: A Look at Georgia's Political and Military
Landscape at Onset
Education Building: The Old Governor's Mansion

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THE COLONNADE

Public Safety Report



Unknown man calls with desperate plea

On Oct. 25, 2007, at approximately 11:44 p.m. a female student reported to Public Safety that she received a call on her cell phone from a man stating that he wanted her to bring his children to him in Augusta every few weeks because he was going through a nasty divorce. The female stated that know the man. The man advised he had a list of names and cell phone numbers of students that he was using to try and find someone to do this for him. Officer Reonas called the number provided by the female, but was unable to make contact with the man. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for further investigation.

Siblings unite to harass

On Oct. 25, 2007, at approximately 10:32 p.m., a female reported to Public Safety that her ex-boyfriend and his sister were calling and harassing her and she did not want them making contact with her. Contact was made with the male and he was advised not to make contact with the female and to advise his sister not to contact her either.

No Halloween spirit here

On Oct. 24, 2007, at approximately 10:25 a.m. a male reported that unknown persons had broken the storm window at his residence on West Thomas St. with a croquet mallet on Oct. 20. On Oct. 24, unknown persons also smashed a pumpkin on his

front porch, broke Michelob bottles and moved a railroad tie across his driveway. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

Illegal contraband found

On Oct. 22, 2007 at approximately 10:10 a.m. a student reported possible marijuana being smoked in The Village at West Campus. Contact was made with three males. One of the males admitted to having marijuana in his possession and smoking it earlier in the evening. Consent was given to search the room and no other contraband was found other than the marijuana in the male's possession. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

A heart scare

On Oct. 22, 2007, at approximately 5:22 p.m., Sgt. Tuft was dispatched to Bell Hall in reference to a student complaining of heart problems. EMS responded and made contact with a female student, who stated she was having irregular heartbeats. Her vital signs were checked and the female refused to be transported to Oconee Regional Medical Center. She was advised to contact public safety if her condition worsened.

Threats taken seriously

On Oct. 30, 2007, at approximately 9:47 p.m., a female reported that her suitemate was threatening her with physical harm and slandering her. Contact was made with the suitemate who agreed to move to another room if necessary. Resident Housing will handle the situation in-house. No further action was taken.

Information compiled
by Ana Maria Lugo

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gcsunade.com to download the
extended Public Safety Report podcast.

NOW HEAR THIS

Jazz Band

GCSU Jazz Band Fall Concert will be on Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 at 8:00 p.m. in Russell Auditorium. General Admissions is \$ 6 and for GCSU students with I.D., it is \$3.

All major credit cards, checks and cash. To purchase tickets in advance or to make reservations, please call 478.445.4226 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Early reservation is highly recommended.

The GCSU Jazz band will be directed by Dr. Todd Shiver and emceed by the ever eloquent, Dr. Bob Wilson, the GCSU Jazz Band will sizzle your ears as they perform some of your favorite red hot tunes from days gone by. Sit back (if you can be still long enough!) and lose yourself in the music, as these wonderfully talented GCSU students bring to you such songs as, "720 in the Books," "Somewhere," "Spanish Fire," "Mr. Zoot Suit," "The Look of Love," and many more!

A new development this fall is the formation of a new GCSU Jazz Band, called the Two O'Clock Jazz Band, based on the band's practice schedule. The Two O'Clock Jazz Band will open the concert and get the audience "warmed-up" before the GCSU Jazz Band performs.

The Two O'Clock group also will perform

another GCSU first — a vocal jazz group that will sing, "It Don't Mean a Thing."

For more information, reservations or to purchase tickets in advance, call 478.445.4226.

The First Friday Foreign Film Series presents:

"Chunhyang" will be on Friday evening, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. in A+S Auditorium

This South Korean movie is based on an Korean epic poem. Significant portions of the movie show a Korean performer reciting the poem before a live audience.

That audience is obviously having a great time, because they know well and enjoy hearing again the story of an impossible love between a nobleman's son and the daughter of a courtesan.

As the recitation proceeds, most of the story is dramatized onscreen in a lushly beautiful style.

Chunhyang demonstrates the power of poetry as an oral art form, and it is also a poetically gorgeous movie.

The film series is sponsored by the International Education Center.

Sweetwater Festival

The Sweetwater

Festival will be in Milledgeville on Nov. 3. GCSU will be hosting Parent's Day Saturday Nov. 3, on the Front Campus.

As part of the festivities, Rogers Entertainment LLC will be playing music from 10 am to 4 pm at the Art Departments location (old court house / Front Campus).

At 1 p.m., the group Hanoman will perform. You can find out details about the group from the website BandBunny.com. Around 3pm music will be provided by local musicians

The event is free on the Front Campus.

Stay Connect-Ed

Georgia College is implementing a new campus alert system called Connect-ED that can contact you directly by text message to your cell phone in the event of an emergency.

However, you must sign up and provide your cell phone number in order to receive these alerts.

To sign up, simply visit the GCSU web site, click on the "Connect-ED" button and follow the directions. Your cell phone number will remain confidential, and messages will ONLY be sent in the event of an emergency, such as a severe weather warning, campus emergency or campus closing.



It is very easy to understand most of the duties of professors. It is also easy to understand what departments such as Intramurals, Financial Aid, The Office of the Registrar, and Parking and Transportation do. As students, we come to class each day, do our homework and have fun being college students. We know that GCSU will have classes tomorrow, buildings to have meetings in the next day and money to keep the power running two weeks from now. But why are we constantly able to improve the physical look of our university? Why is the mission of a liberal arts education followed so closely? And how exactly does GCSU maintain such a great reputation across the state of Georgia? Some might reply, "Because we do." However, duties such as creating and maintaining a university budget, developing a long-range plan for the university, and working with the state capital on higher education matters fall under the role of one and only one person on this campus: the president of GCSU, Dr. Dorothy Leland.

Believe it or not, the GCSU has a boss as well: the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia and a governing body called the Board of Regents. Leland reports to Chancellor Davis and different "regents" from around the state of Georgia on a multitude of things. University Presidents within Georgia are assigned different academic tasks from

the Chancellor. For example, Leland is working to create a new core curriculum structure for all universities in the state of Georgia. The President of Valdosta State University is working on implementing a new plan to improve academic advising state-wide.

One of the other main jobs of Leland is to lobby for her university. In order to get new structures on campus, such as the upcoming building at West Campus, the renovations to the Campus Theatre, and renovations to buildings such as Bell Hall, Parks Hall and The G.I.V.E. Center, she must convince the Board of Regents that GCSU needs more state money than other universities in the state of Georgia for our special projects. Besides persuading the BOR for an increase in university funds, she also meets with donors that might be interested in giving to the university. Without an increase in university funds, it is more difficult for GCSU to provide high-quality structures for students to work in on a day to day basis. After she receives money from the state and donors, Leland must make a budget that encompasses all departments on campus. Academic and non-academic departments around campus try to explain to Leland why exactly they need more money than other departments. Developing a campus-wide budget is a very difficult thing to do.

Occasionally, Leland works for the university in

off-campus locations such as the System office in downtown Atlanta. All of her work directly affects the university, but often she must be off-campus to make the biggest difference to the students. While off campus, she also serves on boards such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Georgia Council of Economic Education. While on campus, Leland works with the SGA President and other students to try and answer as many student concerns as possible. She also heads up councils such as the President's Executive Council, the President's Administrative Leadership Council, the President's Student Advisory Council, and is an active and important member of the Executive Committee of the University Senate.

Lastly, the GCSU President has to keep the mission of the university in mind. She must make decisions that will enhance GCSU's public liberal arts education, while trying to promote and improve the reputation of the university. Making GCSU more competitive for students and improving the overall image of the university is a huge task that many people contribute to, but, ultimately, falls into the hands of the University President. Even though you might not see her everyday walking around on campus, just keep in mind that Leland has the best interest of this university and its students at heart.

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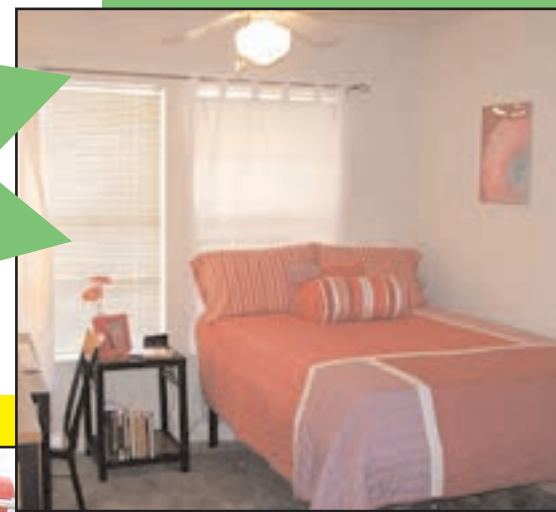
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